

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) - ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS - PROGRESS UPDATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) WATER QUALITY RESTORATION STUDY FOR THE JAMES RIVER AND SELECTED TRIBUTARIES IN RICHMOND, HOPEWELL, PETERSBURG, COLONIAL HEIGHTS, CHESTERFIELD, HENRICO, DINWIDDIE, PRINCE GEORGE, CHARLES CITY, AND SURRY**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Two public meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2pm and 6pm at the Chester Library located at 11800 Centre Street in Chester VA 23831. In case of inclement weather please contact Mark Alling at (804)527-5021 for meeting status.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is providing an update of progress for a water quality restoration study for the James River and selected tributaries which are impaired due to Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** The meeting will include an update on the study progress to include background information on PCBs, DEQ monitoring data, pollutant modeling in the waterways, and ongoing voluntary sampling efforts throughout the watershed by facilities.

This is an ongoing study. Meetings are to provide an update on progress since the initial public meetings which were held in 2010 and 2011. A formal comment period will not be offered at this time; however, the public is encouraged to contact DEQ with questions or concerns. DEQ expects to complete the study next year, at which time a draft study will be made available and public comments will be accepted on the document.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** The following streams are found to exceed the water quality standard for PCBs and are in violation of the "fishing" designated use in the jurisdictions mentioned (title above): Appomattox River (to Lake Chesdin Dam), Bailey Creek (to Rt. 360), Bailey Bay, Chickahominy River (to Walkers Dam). Additionally, the James River is impaired from the fall line to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. For the purposes of these meetings, the James River from the fall line to the Charles City Co. and Surry Co. extents will be discussed. This portion of the James River and tributaries is part of a larger PCB study which includes the lower James and Elizabeth Rivers. Public meetings to update the public in these downstream vicinities are forthcoming.

The study will report on the sources of PCB contamination and will recommend total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

**ONLINE INFORMATION:** Please visit the EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/tsd/pcbs/about.htm> for background information on PCBs and potential human health effects. DEQ held the first public meetings to initiate this study in December 2010 and February 2011. Presentations and handouts from those meetings are available at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/PCBTMDLs.aspx>.

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